



Rural Housing Service

Information Collection Activities: Revision of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Comment Request; Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants

AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.

ACTION: 60-Day notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice announces the intention of the Rural Housing Service (RHS) to request an extension for a currently approved information collection in support of the program for Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants..

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]** to be assured of consideration.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: 7 CFR 1944-I, Self-Help Technical Assistance Grants.

OMB Docket Number: 0575-0043.

Expiration Date of Approval: December 31, 2021

Type of Request: Revision of currently approved information collection.

Abstract: This subpart set forth the policies and procedures and delegates authority for providing technical assistance funds to eligible applicants to finance programs of technical and supervisory assistance for self-help housing loan program, as authorized under section 523 of the Housing Act of 1949 under 42 U.S.C 1472. This financial assistance may pay part or all of the cost of developing, administering, or coordinating a program of technical and supervisory assistance to aid very low- and low-income families in carrying out self-help housing efforts in rural areas. The primary purpose is to locate and work with families that otherwise do not qualify as homeowners, are below low and very low incomes, and living in substandard housing.

RHS will be collecting information from non-profit organizations to enter into grant agreements. These non-profit organizations will give technical and supervisory assistance, and in doing so, they must develop a final application for section 523 grant funds. This application includes Agency forms that contain essential information for deciding eligibility.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.08 hours per response.

Respondents: Public or private nonprofit organizations, State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 70

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 30.94

Estimated Number of Responses: 2,166

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 2,345

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Kimble Brown, Innovation Center – Regulations Management Division, at (202) 720-6780.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the RHS, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of RHS's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record.

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